GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) The details of breaches in Samarajan area of NH 52 in Dhemaji district of Assam are as under:—

Sl. No.	Year	Date of breach	Date of receipt of estimate	Date of sanction of the estimate
1	1998-99	—	—	—
2	1999-2000	19.7.1999	3.3.2000	31.3.2000
3	2000-2001	01.5.2000 15.6.2000 25.7.2000	19.2.2001	29.3.2001

(b) and (c) The proposals for construction of Samarajan SPT bridge No. 400/1 and Gai Nadi approach have been sanctioned during March, 2001. The proposal for construction of box culvert with approaches in km 258 (old km. 128) of NH 52 could not be sanctioned as the same was found to be technically deficient and, therefore, returned unapproved. The work has been included in the Annual Plan 2001-2002.

Scheme for Development of NHS in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh

3770. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are having any long-term scheme for the expansion of National Highways in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount earmarked for this purpose;

(c) whether Government have conducted any study about the condition of roads in these States or constituted a team for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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(MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) and (b) Expansion of New National Highways is a continuous process and is taken up from time to time keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter-se* priority of proposals received from various States and overall availability of funds on the criteria laid down for the purpose.

(b) No, sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Road Links for major ports

3771. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the action plans to link road network with the major ports;

(b) whether their feasibility study has been completed;

(c) the ports in Gujarat to be linked with road network; and

(d) the details of the consultancy assignment awarded/being awarded and further scheduling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Government has planned to develop road linkages to major Ports namely Kandla, Mumbai, Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mormugao, New Mangalore, Cochin, Tuticorin, Chennai and Ennore, Visakhapatnam, Paradip, Haldia and Kolkata. The road linkages identified for development include stretches of National Highways as also State Roads. The details of stretches are given in the Statement. (*See below*)

(b) Feasibility studies for Haldia, Visakhapatnam, Chennai, Ennore, Mumbai and Jawaharlal Nehru Ports have been completed. Execution work related to improvement of road connectivity to Kandla and Mormugao Ports are under progress. Feasibility studies for rest of the ports are under progress.

(c) Improvement of road connectivity to Kandla Port in Gujarat is